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Tentative Agenda
Board of Managers' Meeting
Chevy Chase Village Hall
Monday, March 13, 2006 at 7:30 p.m.

Approval of Previous Minutes
Treasurer's Report
Committee Reports
Appeals
Old Business
New Business
Chairman's Report
Manager's Report
Police Report
Building Permits/Code Enforcement

Mark Your Calendar and See the Enclosed Flyers

Parents' Night Out: Saturday, March 18
Spring Cleaning Event: Wednesday, March 29
Art Show Opening & Reception: Sunday, April 2
Spring Session for Classes: Begin Week of April 3

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Art Show



The Building Facilities Commission will host the fourth Annual Art Exhibition at the Village Hall during the month of April. (See the enclosed flyer.)

The Exhibition will open with a reception on Sunday, April 2 and will continue through Saturday, May 6, 2006.

Four Village curators will choose works from residents of Chevy Chase Village and other Chevy Chase townships.

If you would like to exhibit paintings, fine art photography or sculpture, please call either Sally Troyer at (301) 656-8832 or Marie Martin at (301) 907-0371 before March 24, 2006.

Ride-On Bus Route Change

At a Public Forum the evening of Thursday, February 23, the Chevy Chase Village Board of Managers and dozens of highly motivated Village residents responded assertively and in overwhelming opposition to plans working within the Montgomery County Department of Public Works and Transportation (DPWT) to shift Ride-On's #1 bus route from Connecticut Avenue to Brookville Road. The Village Board and residents were joined in opposition by members of neighboring Town Councils from the Villages of Chevy Chase, Section 3 and Section 5.

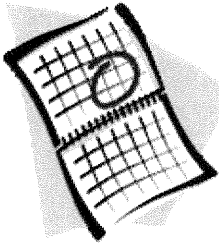
In advance of this forum, Village resident Marc Weller and the Village office mounted mail, email and hand-delivered campaigns to get information out to Village residents east of Connecticut Avenue encouraging them to both attend the forum to speak out against the change, and to contact County Council members to gain their opposition. The campaigns were effective. Key Council members Silverman, Denis and Floreen all wrote letters to County Executive Douglas Duncan opposing the change. The hearing room was standing room only with testimony running 10 to 1 opposing the change.

At the heart of the County's plan was frustration with the State Highway Administration's (SHA) unwillingness to provide a traffic light at the intersection of Connecticut Avenue and Leland Street. West-bound Ride-On buses must cross the Avenue at this "uncontrolled" intersection 40-50 times per day, often blocking traffic and, albeit infrequently through the years, vehicular collisions have resulted from this maneuver. The Village is no stranger to frustration with State

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Chevy Chase Village Board of Managers' Meeting, 2nd Monday of the month, 7:30 p.m. at the Village Hall
Telephone: 301-654-7300, Fax: 301-907-9721, E-mail: ccv@montgomerycountymd.gov, Website: www.ccvillage.org

In The Village



Mark Your Calendar!

The Annual Meeting of the Chevy Chase Village Board of Managers will be held on Monday, April 17, 2006 at 7:30 p.m. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend.

Refreshments will be served beginning at 7 o'clock.

The Annual Meeting is a wonderful opportunity to get caught up on issues affecting the Village. Residents who have moved into the Village over the past year are encouraged to attend and see their Village government in action.

Adoption of the FY2007 Budget is among the many topics to be discussed. Committee representatives will provide an overview of their Committee/Commission's activities over the past year.

All residents are invited to join the Board in recap-ing the past year's events.

Third Annual Spring Cleaning Event

Due to the success of last year's donation drive, the Public Works Department will again collect items throughout the Village on **Wednesday, March 29**. This year's drive will benefit the organization AM-VETS, which has supported active and veteran military personnel since 1947 (Rain Date: Wednesday, April 5).

Please see the enclosed flyer for additional information. We look forward to another successful donation drive and hope this year's collection will be even better than the last!

New Law Affecting Tree Contractors

A bill passed by the Maryland General Assembly, effective October 1, 2005, requires all tree experts to be licensed through the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to prune **AND** remove trees within the State. This law applies within the Village and is already being enforced.

The Village's Tree Removal Permit Application will now require the tree contractor's name, phone number and DNR license number. Applications will no longer be accepted if the contractor has not been selected.

Village officers will also be verifying licensing for any crews seen pruning trees on private property. Any crews witnessed pruning without valid licensing will receive a State citation and fine, and will be escorted out of the Village.

For more information regarding this new regulation or to verify licensing for a desired tree contractor, please visit the DNR website at www.dnr.state.md.us or call them at (877) 620-8DNR. For questions regarding the law's application within the Village, please contact the Village office.

REMINDERS

- Notify the Village office at (301) 654-7300 if you have a medical requirement for emergency services so we may alert utility companies working in the Village.
- **H**aving your house number painted on the curb in front of your property is prohibited by Section 12-5 of the Village Code. Contractors painting on the Village curbs will be issued a municipal citation by the Village Police.
- Pursuant to Village Code Section 8-10, dumpster use requires a permit. Please remind your contractor that a permit must be received from the Village Office prior to placing a dumpster on private property. Dumpsters are prohibited on public property, including Village streets at ALL times. Dumpster switch-outs are prohibited in the Village's public right-of-way, including roadways.
- Contact the Village office at prior to removing trees on private property or beginning any home improvement projects to discuss Village permit requirements.
- Grey recycle bin lids are available from the Communications Center. Please make sure your recycle bins are placed in an easily accessible location. If recycling haulers cannot find the bins, collection of recyclables may be hampered.
- Free "No Solicitors" stickers are available in the Village Office for residents wishing to put them in a window near the front door to their home. The sticker is in addition to the list maintained by Communications.
- Residents are encouraged to use the Community Bulletin Board, located in the Village Hall, for notices or advertisements. Postings must be reviewed and approved by Village staff prior to posting.
- Please remind your landscaping and home improvement contractors that work is not permitted prior to 8:00 a.m. on weekdays and 9:00 a.m. on weekends.

In The Village

Rent the Village Hall For Your Next Event

The Village Hall is the perfect setting for your next meeting or party and is available to all Village residents. Our two large rooms are available for:



- birthday parties,
- sweet 16 parties,
- weddings and wedding receptions,
- anniversary parties,
- graduation parties,
- bar and bat mitzvah receptions,
- business/organization meetings, and
- any event you can think of! There is even a small room to hold smaller children's birthday parties.

The Village Hall is sure to enhance your event. Please contact Doris Lyerly in the Village office at (301) 654-7300 for additional information and to reserve your date.

New Classes Beginning April 3, 2006

Super Hero Drama Class for Boys

Beloved instructor, Paula Brassfield, will teach this new class specifically for boys ages 3-4, emphasizing development of gross motor skills, fantasy play and music appreciation. The ten-week session will be held on Fridays from 3:00-3:50 p.m.

Country Line Dancing

If you are looking for a great way to move your body and make new friends, we've got the ticket! This brand new class will run on Thursdays from 7-8:00 p.m. for a total of 8 weeks. As if this class wasn't enticing enough, it is being offered for \$82 for Village residents and \$112 for non-residents.

See the enclosed flyer for additional information and to enroll.

Toddler Group

The weekly Toddler Group meets on Thursdays from 11:00 a.m. to 12 noon. All Village parents and caregivers are welcome to attend.

If you have any questions or would like additional information regarding the Toddlers' Group, please contact Elizabeth Bausch at (301) 656-5643.

2006 Chevy Chase Village Resident Directory

The 2006 Village Resident Directory will be distributed at the Annual Meeting on April 17, 2006 and will be available for pick-up in the Village office after that date.

An update form was enclosed in the February 2006 issue of the *Crier* and mailed to residents in late February. Please remember to return the completed update form by **March 13** so changes and corrections may be made to you listing prior to printing the new directory.

Residents may also submit their changes via the Village website at www.ccvillage.org. After logging into the site, click on the link "Resident Directory Form" on the homepage. Once completed, click on the link "Submit My Application" at the bottom of the page. The form is then submitted directly to the Village office. Contact the Village Communications Center to register your Email/ID and to receive your password.

Building Facilities Commission

The Building Facilities Commission meets the second Monday of each month, at 9:30 a.m. in the Village Hall. Their next meeting will be held on March 13. All residents are invited to attend.

The Committee has been approached by a resident interested in bridge instruction and Spanish classes for adults. The Committee will pursue these classes if interest is shown. If you would like to take a bridge instruction or Spanish class, please email the Commission's staff liaison, Doris Lyerly, at doris.lyerly@montgomerycountymd.gov.

Committee on Children, Youth and Families

The Committee will hold a Parents' Night Out on Saturday, March 18 from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the Village Hall. Please see the enclosed flyer for additional information.

Do you have games/toys that you are no longer using? Please consider donating them to CYF for use at Parents' Night Out, Game Night, Toddler Group and other events. Please bring your donations to the Village Hall or contact either Amy Cooper (acbelle@aol.com) or Karen Spangler (kareenspangler@comcast.net). You may also contact Ms. Cooper and Ms. Spangler if you are interested in volunteering for future CYF events and with ideas for new activities.

In The Village

Board Actions - February 13, 2006

Board of Managers' Meeting

Minutes: January 9, 2006 Meeting: Approved.

Appeals: A-5029, 5501 Park St.: (a) install a fence measuring six feet (6') in height along the Belmont Ave. property line—Approved, (b) replace an existing concrete pool apron with brick pavers—Approved;

A-1462 (Extension Request), 6311 Broad Branch Rd.: Removal of one Southern Magnolia tree measuring 13.5 inches in diameter located in the side yard to accommodate a proposed addition—Approved; **A-4880 (Extension Request), 6311 Broad Branch Rd.:** Demolish a detached garage located in the rear yard of the property—Approved; **A-1532, 142 Grafton St.:** Removal of one Red Maple tree measuring 23.0 inches in diameter located in the rear yard of the property—Approved.

New Business: Montgomery County Ride-On Proposed Bus Route Change—(see the article on the cover page for additional information). **Village Tree Removal**—In response to complaints from several residents, the Board authorized delaying removal of the large Silver Maple tree located at the end of Montgomery Street as you enter the Buffer Park, instead opting to remove the tops of the dead leads and cabling the remaining leads. **Chevy Chase Historical Society, Donation Request**—The Board authorized donating \$10,000 to the Historical Society toward funding production of a 15-minute video chronicling the history of Chevy Chase. **Mutual Aid Agreement**—The Board approved a Mutual Aid Agreement between the Village and Montgomery County to allow Village officers to enforce the County noise ordinance on the Chevy Chase Center property.

Board of Managers Election

Three Board seats will be up for re-election in May. Those seats are currently filled by George L. Kinter, Susie Eig and Betsy Stephens.

Any Village resident may run for a seat on the Board provided he/she is a registered voter in the State of Maryland and has lived in Chevy Chase Village for thirty days prior to the election.

Residents interested in running for a seat may contact the Village office or Burton Schorr, Chair of the Nominating Committee, at (240) 497-0392. Nominations may also be made from the floor at the Annual Meeting (Monday, April 17, 2006).

The Village Code requires that candidates file a Financial Disclosure Statement with the Village Ethics Commission (Chair, Reid Thompson) prior to the election. Forms are available in the Village office.

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Highway. For years, SHA has refused to install or authorize a Connecticut Avenue pedestrian crossing light within the Village and has stymied Village efforts to improve pedestrian safety along Brookville Road.

The Public Forum, essentially the first battle to defeat the bus route change proposal, can be counted as a success, but there is more work to be done. Residents are encouraged to contact the key State Highway official, Mr. Darrell Mobley (dmobley@sha.state.md.gov), encouraging him to work with Montgomery County officials to find a Connecticut Avenue based remedy to this traffic hazard.

The Village will continue to post progress on this issue on its website and encourages all residents to voice their concerns to ccv@montgomerycountymd.gov.

FORM 502 MARYLAND RESIDENT
INCOME TAX RETURN

OR FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING

2005, ENDING

SOCIAL SECURITY #		SPOUSE'S SOCIAL SECURITY #	
Your First Name	Initial	Last Name	
Spouse's First Name	Initial	Last Name	
PRESENT ADDRESS (No. and street)			
City or Town	State	Zip Code	
Name of county and incorporated city, town or special taxing area in which you were a resident on the last day of the taxable period. (See instruction 6)		Maryland county	City, town or taxing area Chevy Chase Village

Tax Return Reminder

When preparing your State of Maryland tax return for 2005, please remember to enter **Chevy Chase Village** in the proper block of **Form 502/503** as shown here.



Police Beat—Chevy Chase Village

To e-mail Police Chief Roy Gordon: roy.gordon@montgomerycountymd.gov

Spring Crime Prevention Tips

Spring arrives this month and Chief Gordon wants to give Village residents a few seasonal crime prevention tips. Many folks are inclined to leave doors and windows open with the arrival of warmer weather, which can be an invitation to crime. Residential burglaries often occur by thieves gaining entrance through unlocked or open windows or doors (including garage doors). Village police encourage residents when not at home or outside doing yard work to keep windows and doors locked and alarm systems activated.

Unlocked vehicles are easy targets for criminals. Do not leave anything of value in your parked vehicle. Vehicle alarm systems should be activated when you are not in the vehicle.

Spring showers and summer flowers also bring transient criminals to our area. Transient criminal groups routinely travel up and down the east coast and commit numerous crimes during this time of year. These groups live out of the State and are highly mobile. Their vehicles typically display out-of-state license plates. These criminals will enter homes when homeowners are out working in the back yard or they may ask the homeowner for a glass of water for their child. While distracting the homeowner by getting the glass of water, another member of the group will steal valuables, usually cash and jewelry, from inside the home. Often the theft is not immediately discovered.

Spring is also a time for home improvement scams. The elderly are usually targets for these scams. Typically, someone will knock on your door and claim they are in the area doing work and noticed that your home needs some attention. It may be a cracked driveway needing asphalt coating or a bad roof or damaged chimney. The work done by these folks is substandard and often times not needed at all. Sometimes pressure tactics are used to get the victim to accept the work and pay for it immediately. Homeowners should remain highly suspicious of unannounced “utilities inspectors” who want to gain access to your residence under the pretence of inspecting pipes for pinhole leaks or lead content or claim to be there to inspect other utilities inside your home.

The scams are not new to the law enforcement community but each year new victims are scammed. Residents are asked to contact the Village Police at (301) 654-7300 to report any suspicious activity or to report unusual people, vehicles, or activity in the neighborhood.

If You Smell Natural Gas



Natural gas is non-toxic, colorless, tasteless and odorless. For your safety, the substance mercaptan is added to provide an unpleasant odor so you will be able to detect escaping natural gas. If you smell natural gas:

- Call 911 after you have reached a safe distance away from the building. Fire and rescue crews will begin en route to your home AND will contact the Washington Gas Emergency Leak Line. Village Police officers will also be dispatched to the scene.
- Do not attempt to locate the source of the odor.
- If the odor is very strong or you hear a blowing or hissing noise, vacate the building *immediately*, leaving doors unlocked as you go.
- Do nothing that could create an ignition source—do not light a match, use a landline or cellular telephone, turn electrical equipment or light switches on or off, or start your vehicle.
- Follow the same precautions if you are outside and smell gas, hear hissing or blowing noises, or see dirt being thrown into the air.

Natural gas is distributed through a network of underground pipes and service lines. If a leak should occur, it is possible for gas to migrate into buildings, including those without natural gas service.



Stopping The Examiner

The Communications Center continues to receive complaints from residents regarding delivery of the tabloid The Examiner.

The Village cannot prevent delivery, but we are aware that the delivery continues to be a nuisance to some and sympathize with our residents' frustration over the unsolicited, seemingly “littering” fashion of the paper's delivery. Several residents have found success in stopping the unwanted delivery by contacting the newspaper's circulation contractor.

If you are presently receiving the paper and wish to discontinue delivery, or if you have requested that delivery be stopped and it has not, please contact Wilcan Services at (703) 441-9229 or wilcann1@aol.com.

Community News



Chevy Chase Community Library March 2006

The Chevy Chase Library is located at 8005 Connecticut Avenue. All programs are free. For further information or for reservations, contact the library at (240) 773-9590.

Great Books Discussion Group: Wednesday, March 8 at 7:30 p.m.: *THE PLAGUE* by Camus.

Toddler Time: Tuesdays and Thursdays, March 2, 7, 9, 14, 16, 21, 23, 28, 30: Ages 18-36 months. Each program will be given twice (10:15 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.) on each day and Tuesday's program is repeated on Thursday. Free tickets are distributed prior to the program.

Born to Read: Saturday, March 25 at 9:30 a.m.: Introduce your child (newborn to 18 months) to the joy of language and books with this program featuring rhymes, songs, bounces, movement and short stories.

Preschool Storytime: Monday, March 27 at 7:30 p.m.: Stories, rhymes and other activities. Come in pajamas, if you like. For ages 3 to 6.

Clean Out Your Closets and Donate!

The DC Child and Family Services Agency's (CFSA) Office of Volunteer Services invites you to donate formal wear and accessories to celebrate the success of our foster teens who will be attending prom and graduating from high school this year. Project Prom and Graduation 2006 is collecting the following clean and undamaged items in all sizes:

- Formal dresses
- Men's Suits/Tuxedos (particular need)
- Shoes
- Jewelry
- Accessories
- New Hosiery
- Also, you can donate services for hairstyling, barbering, make-up, facials and manicures.

Donations will be accepted April 4-7 between 9:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. at CFSA's Room B located in the first floor lobby at 400 6th St., SW, Washington, DC.

For more information, please contact Ms. Nyjeri Whipps in the Office of Volunteer Services at (202) 727-7095 or Kathleen Meredith and Burt Braverman of 2 Magnolia Parkway at (301) 654-4274.

Latex Paint Disposal



Montgomery County Solid Waste Management no longer allows the collection and disposal of latex paint along with other hazardous waste. This means that the Village Public Works Department is not allowed to collect latex paint.

The only authorized disposal procedure is to remove the tops from latex paint cans and allow the contents to dry. Once completely dried, the tops should be replaced and the cans placed with the regular trash (see below). Any questions regarding this procedure should be directed to the Communications Center. We thank you for your cooperation in advance.

Suggestions for Leftover LATEX Paint...

Use It Up! Donate unopened cans of paint. Many schools, communities, religious and theater groups will accept unopened cans, especially white paint. Even a neighbor may need some extra paint. Also, check your paint store's policy on returning unopened cans of paint.

Pass It On! Small amounts of paint can be mixed with other colors or bulked together and used as a primer coat or on jobs where the final finish is not critical. Avoid waste, buy only what you need.

Dry It Up! Simply remove the lid and place it in a safe, well-ventilated area. Cans with 1/4 or less paint in them will dry in a few days. For cans with greater volume, add mulch, cat litter, or "Waste Paint Hardener™" available at all McCormick Paint Stores and most area hardware stores.

MVA on Wheels



The Maryland Motor Vehicle Administration's mobile service will be at the Friendship Heights Village Center on Monday, March 27, 2006 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

In addition to license renewals, motorists may drop off old tags and avail themselves of several other services. For schedule or additional information, visit the MVA website at: www.mva.state.md.us/location/montcty.htm or by phone at 1 (800) 950-1682, ext 2.

Public Works Department/Trash Schedule

While several Village residents have called to compliment the Unity staff for a job well done, your input is important when we evaluate our contracted services. Please report missed services to the Communications Center at (301) 654-7300. Please leave your gates unlocked so the Unity staff can enter your property to collect your refuse and recycling.

Special pickups are made on Wednesdays. Residents must submit their request either by phone or via the Village website by 2 p.m. on the preceding Tuesday to ensure pick up.

Cardboard Box Collection

Flattened boxes that are approximately less than the size of a 13" television set, should be placed with your paper recycling. Five or more flattened boxes should be bundled when left for recycling. Please notify the Communications Center if they are not collected.

If you have a large amount or large-sized boxes, please request a Special Pick Up (SPU, see above article) to ensure collection. Cardboard boxes collected by SPU, are placed in the paper compactor located in the Public Works Yard and are recycled.

Chevy Chase Village
5906 Connecticut Avenue
Chevy Chase, MD 20815

*Remember to enter Chevy Chase Village
on your Maryland Income Tax Return Form 502/503.*

FORM 502			MARYLAND RESIDENT INCOME TAX RETURN		
OR FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING			2005, ENDING		
SOCIAL SECURITY #		SPOUSE'S SOCIAL SECURITY #			
Your First Name	Initial	Last Name			
Spouse's First Name	Initial	Last Name			
PRESENT ADDRESS (No. and street)					
City or Town		State	Zip Code		
Name of county and incorporated city, town or special taxing area in which you were a resident on the last day of the taxable period. (See instruction 6)		Maryland county	City, town or taxing area Chevy Chase Village		

Building Permits Issued by the Village Manager February 2006

19 Grafton St.....Irrigation system
117 Hesketh St.....Replace asphalt driveway with pavers
3917 Oliver St.....Replace concrete walkway
5511 Center St.....Replace 6' high fence in rear yard
5501 Park St..Demolish concrete pool apron, widen pool equipment pit
16 E. Melrose St.....Install drainage system

When the Power Goes Out...

When a power outage occurs, it is important for all residents to call the following two phone numbers:

1. **PEPCO at 1 (877) PEPCO62 [737-2662].**
2. **Village Communications Center at (301) 654-7300.**

If the power is restored and goes out again in a matter of minutes, the above two phone calls must be made again so the new outage is registered.

Appeal & Crier Deadlines

The appeal deadline for the April 3, 2006 Board of Managers meeting is close of business on Monday, March 20, 2006.

The deadline to submit articles for the April 2006 issue of the *Crier* is close of business on Monday, March 20, 2006.

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